

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2164  
Docket No.: 1538.1046

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Nobuyuki HIRATSUKA, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 2164

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Attention: **BOX AF**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 17, 2007, and having a period for response set to expire on April 17, 2007.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.